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Applicant:

Crane Creek Turf Products LLC

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TURF COVER AND METHOD

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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY

Mary A. Pfeifer

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir.

I, Michael D. Schumann, the attorney authorized to sign and is signing below on behalf of all attorneys identified by name in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed and submitted with the application listed herein, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case in accordance with 37 C.F.R.§ 1.36.

1. The last known mailing address of the client is:

Mr. Duane Sibbet Crane Creek Turf Products LLC 1550 Industrial Drive Blue Earth, MN 56013-1100

2. The reasons for our request are as follows:

A. The client has an outstanding balance on an unpaid bill and has refused to pay moneys due and owing for the drafting and prosecution of the application, including payments for legal fees and PTO fees.

- B. Numerous attempts have been made to collect the amounts due and owing, with no result.
- C. The foregoing reasons are believed to be valid grounds for permissive withdrawal under 37 C.F.R. §10.40(c)(iv) and/or (vi).

### ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

3. There are at least 30 days between the date of the application for withdrawal and any expiration date of a time period for response without a possible extension period.

#### NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

4. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, as well as all papers and property in the attorney's file concerning the prosecution of the application, have been delivered to the applicant.

#### NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST

5. A copy of this request is being forwarded to the client.

## SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEY

6. Signature of the attorney withdrawing:

Respectfully submitted By Attorney MERCHANT & GOULD, P.C. 3200 IDS Center Minneapolis, MN 55402-2215

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